

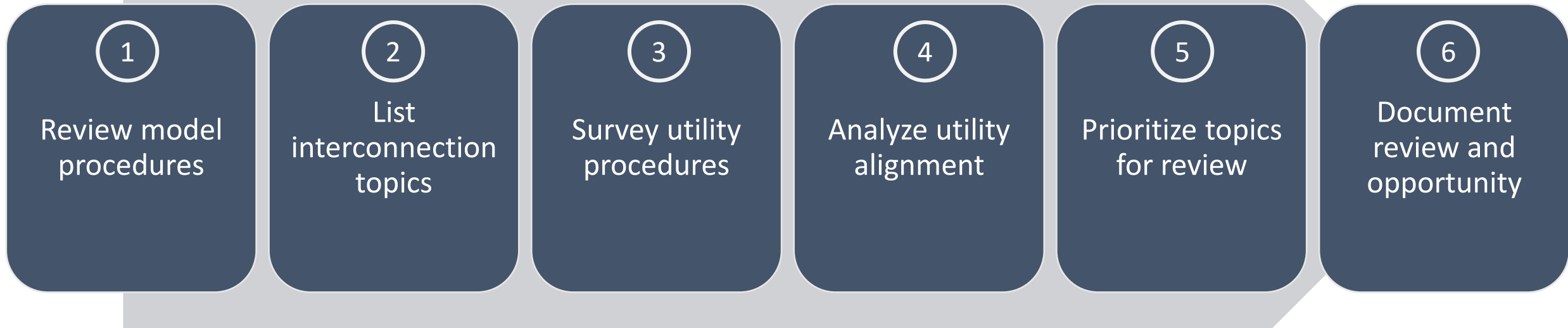
Arkansas Utilities Interconnection Working Group

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Working Group Process Steps



Goals

- Understand where procedures are already aligned
- Understand the reasons for procedural differences
- Document any known issues with applying particular model procedures in Arkansas
- Where possible, document agreeable strawman positions based upon model procedures

Topic Prioritization – Utility/Model Alignment

	Variation from Models	Consistent with Models
Consistent Utility Procedure	<p><u>Utilities Consistent, Consider Merits of Models</u> 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Application Review • Published interconnection queue • Application fee • Group Study procedure • Scoping Meeting • Interconnection on Network Circuits • Clearing inactive projects • External screenings (APSC, MISO) • Reports to APSC 	<p><u>Quick Win Opportunities</u> 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Completeness Review • Continued Review (failure proceeds to next level) • Payment for system improvements
Diverse Utility Procedure	<p><u>Initial Alignment Not Likely, Document Concerns</u> 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline compliance • Published hosting capacity • Combined Heat & Power inclusion in process • Energy Storage explicitly addressed in process • Customer responsiveness to deadlines • Dispute resolution process • Opportunity to waive full impact study • Terminology Standardization • Process applicability to other DER • Waive full impact study 	<p><u>Utilities Similar to Models, Consider Alignment</u> 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific screening criteria (all are based on standards) • Published process online • Application acceptance method (online or otherwise); standard checklist for required information • Material modification definition • Standard forms • Cost/fee per screening level • Point of ownership • Application status reporting

NOTE: Categorization and prioritization of these topics is intended to guide planning of working group conversations and does not represent final opinions or positions of any party

Topic Prioritization – Process Coverage

	1. Pre-Application	2. Application	3. Screening	4. Provisioning	0. Admin
1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost/Payment for system improvement 	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Published Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Method 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific Screen Criteria Costs/Fees per Level Material Modification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard Forms Point of Ownership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Status
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Queue Clearing Inactive Projects Pre-Application Report Application Fee 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Studies Scoping Meeting Network Circuits External Screenings 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports to Commission
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosting Capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Acceptance Material Modification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expedited Review Fast Track Review “Supplemental” Review “Levels” of Review MISO/SPP Review Waive full impact study 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispute Resolution Timeline Compliance Process Applicability Process Applicability Customer Deadlines Standardize Terminology

Review Calendar

Preview	Distribute summary of model procedures and utility survey data on the topic
Discuss	Document key thoughts and concerns from all utility stakeholders
Review	Draft and distribute proposed position/strawman for review and revision

	1-Jun	8-Jun	15-Jun	22-Jun	29-Jun	6-Jul	13-Jul	20-Jul	27-Jul	3-Aug	10-Aug	17-Aug
1. Application Completeness Review	Preview	Discuss	Review									
2. Continued Review		Preview	Discuss	Review								
3. Payment for System Improvement			Preview	Discuss	Review							
4. Published Process				Preview	Discuss	Review						
5. Application Method					Preview	Discuss	Review					
6. Queue						Preview	Discuss	Review				
7. Review Levels (Process)							Preview	Discuss	Review			
8. Review Levels (Process)								Preview	Discuss	Review		

Working Group Product

Topic Review # - XXXXX

X.1 Model Procedure Review

- X.1.1 Summary of Key Points
- X.1.2 IREC
- X.1.3 Minnesota
- X.1.4 Ohio
- X.1.5 Utility Survey Responses

X.2 Utility Review Discussions

- X.2.1 Key Points, Benefits, Concerns
- X.2.2 Tentative Conclusions

X.3 Strawman Proposal